

CLAIMS

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1. Cutting apparatus comprising a base, cutting means for cutting an article of plate-like form received on said base, and guide means movable over the base to alter the position of the article relative to said cutting means, the guide means having respective portions at its opposite ends engageable with and releasable from respective opposite sides of the apparatus, one of said portions comprising two components relatively movable together and apart to clamp onto or release from part of one side of the apparatus.

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2. Apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said one end portion of the guide includes a locking lever pivotable to a first locking position and then to a further locking position.

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3. Apparatus as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said one side of the apparatus defines a grip bar, and said two components are a slideable member connected to said locking lever and at least one wing extending from the guide means, the grip bar and said wing having respective surfaces to clamp, in use, onto opposite surfaces of the grip bar to secure one end of the guide means in a fixed position relative to the base when the locking lever is in a first locking position.

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4. Apparatus as claimed in Claim 3, wherein said surface of the grip bar and the surface of the slideable member which clamps against it, in use, are formed with a plurality of ribs and at least one complementary engagement rib respectively or vice versa.

5. Apparatus as claimed in Claim 3, wherein said surface of the grip bar and the surface of the wing which clamps against it, in use, are formed with a plurality of ribs and at least one complementary engagement rib or vice versa.

6. Apparatus as claimed in any one of Claims 3, wherein the slideable member is connected to the locking lever at a pivot pin.

7. Apparatus as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the locking lever has cam means which, when the locking lever is moved from its unlocked to its first locking position, cause the slideable member to slide to take up clearance between itself and the grip bar, thereby to clamp onto the grip bar.

8. Apparatus as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the other of said portions of the guide means is a clamp and said other side of the apparatus defines a lip, respective surfaces of the clamp and the lip engaging when the locking lever is moved to its further locking position.

9. Apparatus as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the clamp is at one end of a slideable bar which extends across said base in a guide fence of the guide means, the other end of the bar having and the locking lever having interengaging projection and slot means respectively, or vice versa, movement of the locking lever to its further locking position effecting sliding of said bar to engage said clamp with said lip, thereby to secure said other end of the guide means in a fixed position relative to said base.

10. Cutting apparatus comprising a base, cutting means for cutting an article of plate-like form received on said base, and guide means movable over the base, the guide means having relatively adjustably associated therewith article location means for adjusting, in use, the positional/angular relationship between the cutting means and the article to be cut thereby.

